GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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REPAIRING OF ROADS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has demanded Rs. 3400 crore from the Finance Ministry for repairing roads, damaged in recent rains and landslides;

(b) if so, the details and the status thereof;

(c) whether during the unprecedented rains and landslides in different parts of the country, roads have been seriously damaged and for the maintenance of the roads the funds are required;

(d) if so, whether the funds are utilised for construction of roads under different schemes;and

(e) if so, the time by which work on these projects are likely to start?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

(a) to (c) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The Ministry requested the Ministry of Finance to provide an additional allocation of Rs. 1,000 crore at Revised Estimate (R.E.) stage over and above the Budget Estimate (B.E.) outlay of Rs. 1,032.86 crore during 2010-11 for Maintenance & Repair (M&R) of National Highways (NHs) including the repairing of NH stretches damaged in recent rains and landslides etc. during the current financial year. The development and maintenance of State roads is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. However, this Ministry allocates funds to the State Governments for development of State roads (other than rural Roads) under the Central Road Fund (CRF) Scheme.

The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and the NHs in the country are being kept in traffic worthy condition within the available resources based upon the assessment of their conditions, depending upon traffic density and inter-se priority of works.

(d) and (e) The funds allocated to this Ministry are utilized under various schemes such as schemes for development & maintenance of NHs (including National Highway Development Project (NHDP), National Highways (Original) Works, NH works funded through collection of user fee under Permanent Bridge Fee fund (PBFF)), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North Eastern Region (SARDP-NE), Development of Roads in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, development of State Roads (other than Rural Roads) under Central Road Fund (CRF) including State Roads of Economic Importance (EI) & Inter State Connectivity (ISC), etc. The works under these schemes are accordingly taken up from time to time.